

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Washoe County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our county; and

**WHEREAS**, According to the National Fire Protection Association, in the United States in 2011, home fires killed more than 2,500 people and fire departments responded to 370,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention, protection and education; and

**WHEREAS**, Roughly half of home fire deaths occur at night, when most people are asleep and two-thirds of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, Having a working smoke alarm in every bedroom and outside each sleeping area provides early notification of a fire; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!", effectively serves to remind us to test our smoke alarms monthly and practice a home escape plan to increase the chances of surviving a fire; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that October, 2014 is Fire Prevention Month and urges all Washoe County residents to test their smoke alarms, practice a home escape plan and support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and all fire and emergency agencies in Washoe County.

**ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2014.

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David Humke, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission

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